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TJC cheer team finishes 5th out of an eight team division at the national competition.

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Student Debt

Student debt escalates, overwhelming many graduates.

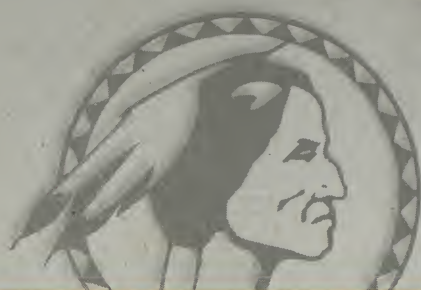
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Tyler is celebrating its 13th annual Texas Blues Festival at the downtown square.

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SUSPECT ARRESTED

28-year-old Melissa Huckaby was arrested for the killing of Sandra Cantu, a playmate of her 5-year-old daughter. Police have yet to reveal details about Sandra's death. Story at tjcnewspaper.com.



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CAMPUS SHOOTING

Two dead in a murder-suicide at Henry Ford Community College in Michigan. See full story at tjcnewspaper.com.

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Curtains close on theater's annual New York trip

By Krysten Hanger
Staff Writer

Excitement about the New York theater trip came to an abrupt halt when Dr. David Crawford, who was planning this trip, received news that the company they were using is applying for bankruptcy.

Endless Adventures owner Rita Merlo sent Dr. Crawford an e-mail

“We had already paid \$1,700 in advance and as of right now, we are not getting it back.”

— Lexie Shelton
TJC student

saying, she had applied for a SBC (State Business Capital) loan and thought that would keep her business up and running, but the bank had turned her

down. Also, Merlo said, Endless Adventures usually has around 30 tour groups a year, this year she only had 6.

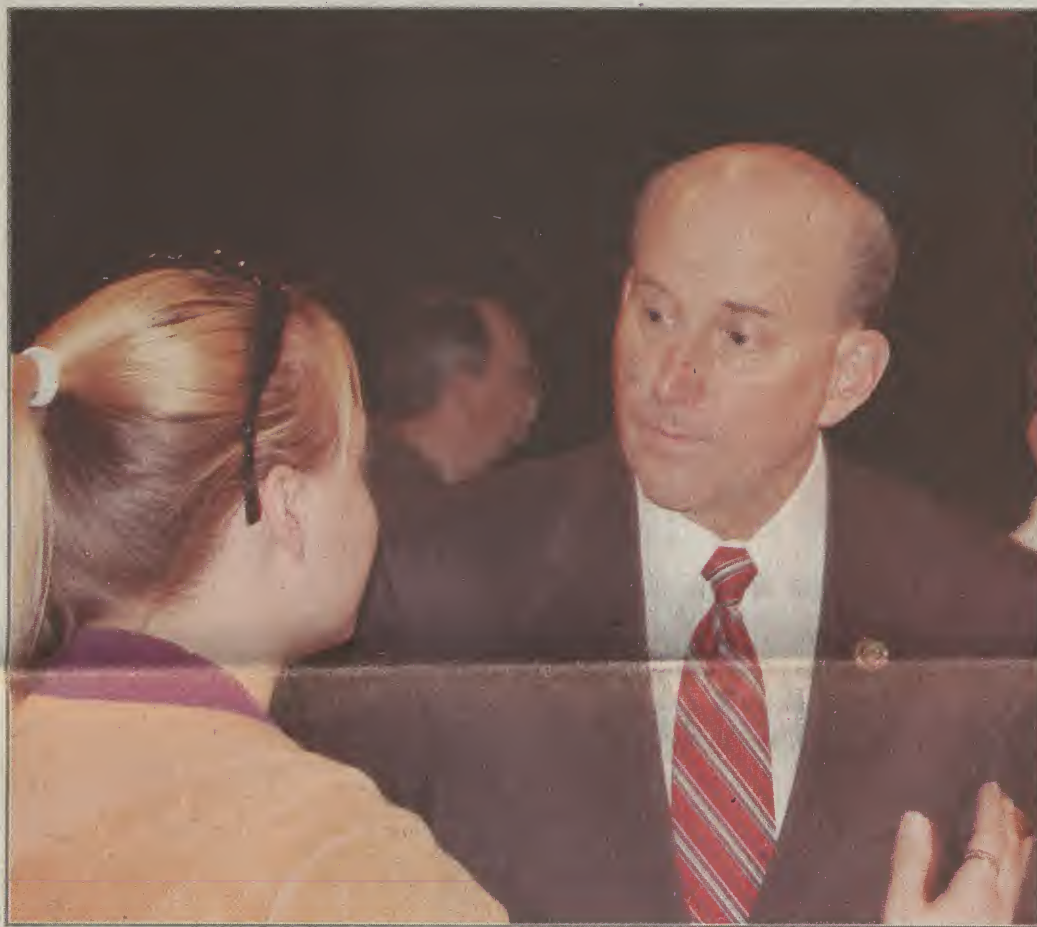
“Now the question is why? Travel

is a great career if people travel. Right now people are not traveling. People are not spending on luxuries. People are just not spending their money,” Crawford said.

Along with not being able to attend the trip, students and faculty are faced with the fact that their money is also gone.

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Congressman on Campus



Photos by Ashley Summers

POLITICS Above, Congressman Louie Gohmert talks to a guest after speaking in Jean Browne Theatre on April 6. Below, Gohmert lectures on his experiences as a member of congress.

Louie Gohmert gives speech on campus

By Dennis Gonsoulin
Multimedia Editor

Congressman Louie Gohmert (R-TX) spoke in the Jean Browne Theatre at TJC on April 6.

Gohmert, a guest of the TJC Political Science Club, lectured on his experiences as a member of Congress, the process of proposing a bill and touched on his opinions regarding a few current events.

Gohmert, who is the Representative for the First District of Texas, vocalized his disapproval of the stimulus bill just recently passed, stating his belief that all citizens should be free from paying taxes and instead decide how to spend the money on themselves.

Gohmert also shared his thoughts on the issue of the ris-



ing cost of college and how students should deal with it.

“Not everybody needs to go to college, and I think that’s one of the things that we’re falling behind on. There are a lot of jobs, whether it’s welding or bricklaying, we need people to do,” Gohmert said. “Go and become a welder. \$70,000 to \$80,000 a year

is not a bad living. There are a lot of reporters who would be glad to make that much money and yet have two degrees,” Gohmert said.

Along with suggesting that students find blue-collar alternatives to a college education, Gohmert also added that the

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facebook

Social website reveals more than intended

Networking site poses problem for students

By Madison Payne
Managing Editor

Facebook and Myspace are great ways to communicate and stay in touch with friends from all over the place.

Although it may seem like a blessing that people have the availability to upload pictures and updates online for friends and family to see, it can also destroy someone's reputation.

Anyone can be affected by comments or photographs posted on Facebook and other social networking sites.

According to ESPN.com, a Philadelphia Eagles employee was recently fired due to a Facebook comment the employee had posted venting about his frustration with the team.

Students recently were reminded that anyone could be affected by information posted online, whether they are just students at a college or a professional with a career.

Tyler Junior College recently had an incident with pictures posted on Facebook featuring TJC students at a party where alcohol was involved.

An anonymous source approached Vincent Nguyen, director of student life and involvement, with the pictures of the students.

“These students are looked up to with respect, and they are supposed to represent us,” Nguyen said.

When these students were punished and removed from their “leadership” positions on campus, a few asked whether their treatment was fair.

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Law may allow guns on campus

By Satin Scott
Student Life Editor

“There were frowns, confused expressions and shouts of protests from the students after they listened to Sharon Mowry, Texas government professor, tell one of her classes about Texas legislation considering a bill that would allow licensed concealed gun carriers to carry their weapons on to college campuses.

Some students were already familiar with the legislation when discussing it in class.

“Does anybody agree with making it legal for students to carry a concealed gun on campus,” Mowry asked while talking to her class.

The students unanimously disagreed, along with Mowry. She is not the only professor against the legislation.

“It’s really lunacy,” History Professor Gene Kirkpatrick said. “I think a faculty protest would gain recognition.”

Some professors fear that students carrying a gun are not trained enough to handle their emotions once an actual shooting breaks out.

“What I would be worried about is the lack of training these students may have when it comes to handling a gun. They do not know what to do in a panic situation and may start spraying innocent students,”

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Malware infects computers

By Kamren Thompson
Editor in Chief

On April 1, millions of PC users around the world prepared for the conficker.c Internet worm to infect their computers, turn them into “zombie machines,” and attack.

Much to their surprise, as well as the surprise of PC manufacturers, nothing has happened.

Holly Sewart of IBM's X-force, a computer security service, even went as far as telling CNN that it appears the worm was somewhat of a joke.

However, the worm is in existence whether it has surfaced in great numbers or not. It is one of a strain of four conficker worms working their way through PCs. It was thought to have

infected between 5 million and 10 million computers, but has yet to cause the chaos that was predicted.

According to Symantec.com, the conficker worm allows its creators to remotely install software on infected machines, which will most likely be used to create a botnet that will be rented out to criminals who want to send SPAM, steal IDs and direct users to online scams and phishing sites.

It mostly spreads across networks. If it finds a vulnerable computer, it turns off the automatic backup service, deletes previous restore points, disables many security services, blocks access to a number of security Web sites and opens infected machines to receive additional

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editorial

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The Auto-Tune Era New music lacks talent of past generations

Musician is a term very few are titled in this era, however, with today's album charts, being a successful musician might be about as difficult as turning on a computer.

Music, according to the Merriam-Webster Dictionary, is the science or art of ordering tones or sounds in succession, in combination, and in temporal relationships to produce a composition having unity and continuity.

However, over time, through the creations of thousands of instruments as well as generations of talent, it has transformed into something far more complex than anyone would have ever thought possible.

Typically, "good music" is something that requires talent and a capability through practice that few possess. Whether it is Bob Dylan singing "Blowin' in the Wind" often out of key and off tempo or a world class vocalist singing a solo piece, if someone takes their own skill with completely natural resources and creates something beautiful, then that person is making music. It's upsetting, however, to see celebrities making millions of dollars off of sounds created by a computer. This drops the words "talent" and "musician" to an extremely low level.

Ever wondered why "Pop" music today is virtually pitch-perfect, even with its time and tune? The answer to today's virtually flawless sound is the software known as "Auto-Tune."

Created by Andy Hildebrand, a retired seismic data in-

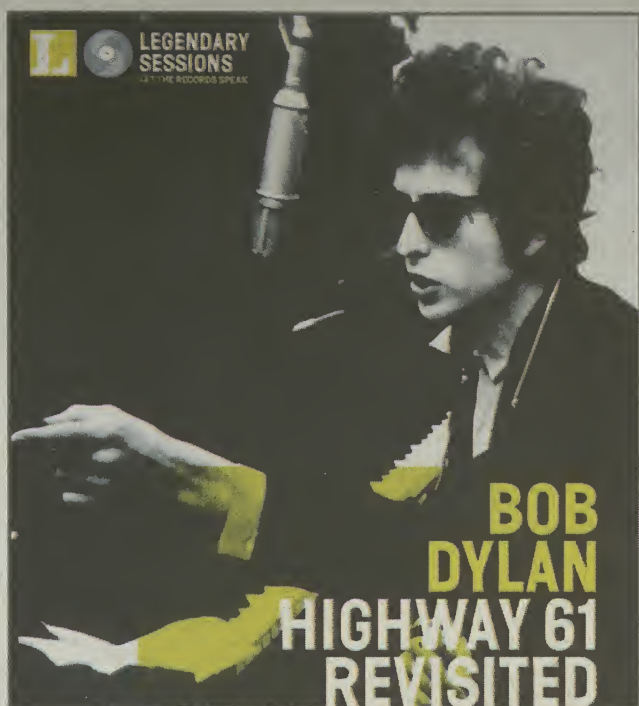


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terpreter in the oil industry, the software will literally take one's voice/sound and fix any flaw of key to the singer/producer's computer-perfect desired pitch. This requires no retakes in a vocal booth or practice to hit the desired key, just merely singing into the machine so that it can transform one's voice into a pitch-perfect song. It requires no talent at all!

Time magazine's Feb. 5 Auto-Tune article explains that the software has spread into about every major label and nearly every genre of music.

"Let's just say, I've had Auto-Tune save vocals on everything from Britney Spears to Bollywood cast albums. And every singer now presumes that you'll just run their voice through the box," Rick Rubin,

Grammy Award-Winning recording engineer said in the *Time* interview. "It usually ends up just like plastic surgery. You haul out Auto-Tune to make one thing better, but then it's very hard to resist the temptation to spruce up the whole vocal, give everything a little nip-tuck."

R&B artist T-Pain uses the software almost as a trademark, setting the retune speed at "0" for an almost humorous robot voice effect, giving it the "T-Pain Effect" as many refer to it. Some suggest it's somewhat better when a musician is out in the open with it rather than hiding it, but that same artist's last "Thr33 Rings" (Auto-Tune packed) album hit #1 on the Billboard Top R&B/Hip-Hop albums chart. Good songwrit-

ing, maybe, but good music?

The majority of artists want to keep their use of auto-tune a secret, and virtually leave no proof by denying it. That suggests this 21st century generation has adapted some vocal chords from out of this world.

What happened to the 2Pac rapping in a studio with maybe a few beats from a computer, or even Johnny Cash and Bob Dylan staring each other face-to-face in a recording booth, both singing and playing guitar simultaneously. It's too easy now.

Good luck all the up-and-coming, naturally talented singer/songwriters out there. Right now, according to charts, the majority of listeners are going with the "perfect" pop sound.

Even live performances run Auto Tune now. So not only can "musicians" get away with it in their cave they call a "studio," they can pull it off live and in front of everyone. This is literally lying to the audience that they can hit those notes.

Now take this approach. In both film and print, users are required to inform viewers if anything is altered whatsoever. For example, in a magazine, if there is any type of alteration of a photo then you will see a statement similar to: "This photo has been altered from its original image." The same goes for film. At the beginning of movies viewers will see a statement telling the audience that the video has been altered. Whether it's to fit a TV screen at home or edited for profanity.

So why aren't musicians re-

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quired to place a statement informing the audience that their voices have been altered?

As sang by Bob Dylan, "The answer, my friend, is blowing in the wind."

It would make it much easier to pick the real, talented

musicians/artists from the fake ones. Maybe then, real musicians would get some deserved credit over the fake ones, and another farm boy with a guitar and harmonica, might have a shot at fame when he walks into a studio.

Lack of on-campus, student parking hardly addressed by administration

In the early hours of an August morning, I determinedly waited. I sat in anticipation as I watched a student walking from a building to an overflowing parking lot. Unfortunately, I wasn't alone. I notice four other students eyeing my parking spot. It was time for a show down.

The *Apache Pow Wow* published a story in the Feb. 20 issue about the lack of parking for students on campus.

I would like to point out that, to our knowledge, absolutely nothing has been done about this. Here are a few quick facts previously reported to refresh your memory: 9,928 students were enrolled at TJC last semester. There are 2,465 student spaces. 90 percent of tickets written are to students who park in faculty lots.

The college claims that there really is enough parking, but the numbers don't lie.

But first, to be fair, approximately 2,000 of that 9,928 are dual credit students. However, Fred Peters, director of marketing and public information, said in a 2008 *Apache Pow Wow* article that there are around 8,000 students on the Main Campus at any given time.



KAMREN THOMPSON

The result is that I, along with thousands of other students, expect during the beginning of the semester not to find a parking spot. It is common knowledge that we spend the first part of the semester driving around somewhat aimlessly searching the lots for open spots like vultures.

One solution given to this problem was that there is a parking lot students don't "utilize." It is on the other side of the JoAnn Medlock Murphy Tennis Complex and it is quite a distance from the classrooms.

While the administration may argue that location shouldn't be an issue, it's usually dark when I finally get to leave campus, as I'm sure is the case for many other students, and I don't feel



File photo

NO PERMIT, NO PARKING Four vehicles are seen parked in the Aleck Genecov Science and Arts Building faculty parking lot. They are adorned with yellow Campus Safety parking tickets.

particularly comfortable walking to a parking lot so far by myself at night.

Think I'm paranoid?

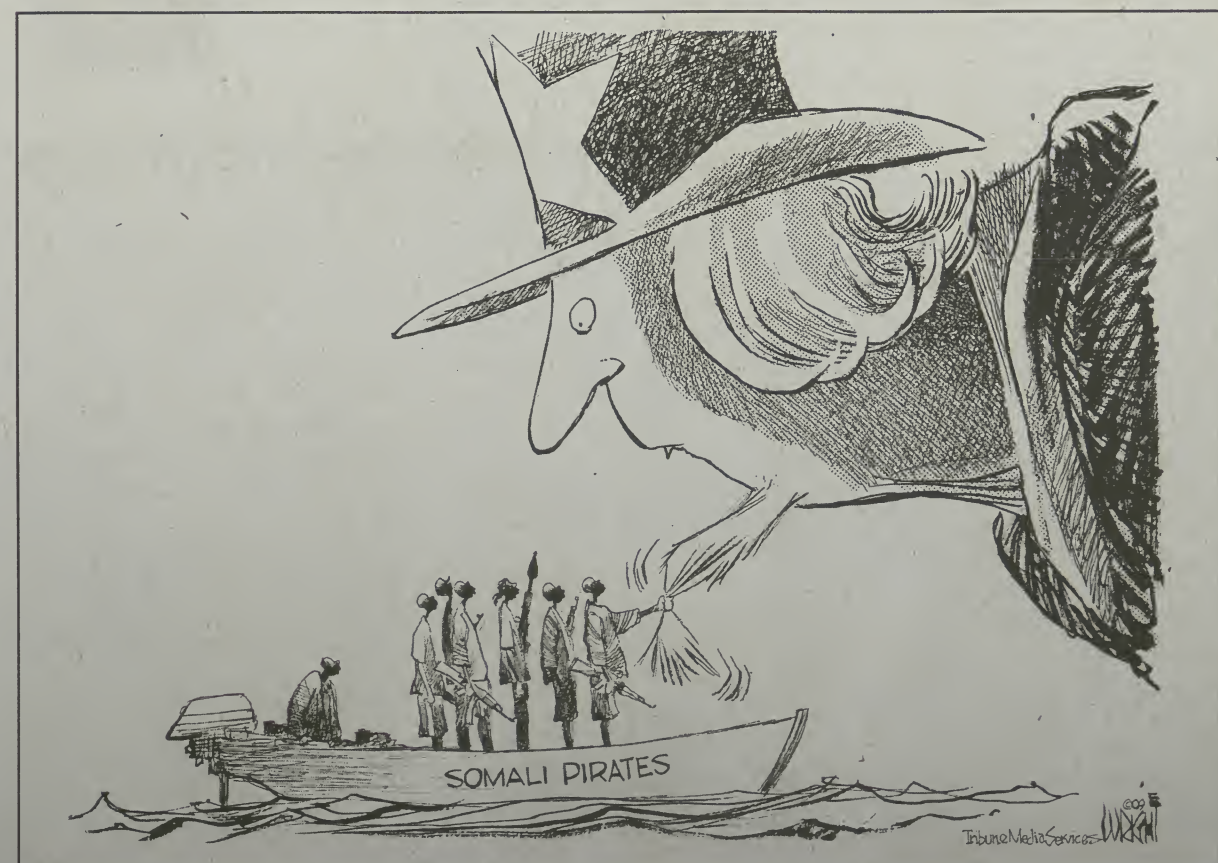
According to the 2006 FBI Crime Reports, Tyler's overall crime index was worse than the national average — specifically violent crimes, rapes and aggravated assaults.

This takes the parking issue to another level.

And I'm still not sure how one small lot solves the problem: This particular parking lot only has 112 parking spots. It isn't like if people begin to "utilize" these 112 spaces, suddenly everyone will park with ease. That's still

nearly 7,500 students that literally do not have a parking spot.

We pay to park every semester. I think that we should get our money's worth. I'm not asking for valet parking, I'm simply asking for the appropriate amount of safe student parking.



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TJC sees positive, negative effects of failing economy

ECONOMY

By Matt Sneed
News Editor

President Barack Obama said the economy would get worse before it gets better.

The unemployment rate has continued to climb in recent months and prices on household items have done nothing but the same.

Economic analysts argue as to what will bring us out of this recession, but no one has the answer. They argue the bailout money should be given back to the taxpayers. Others believe that the money should have gone to building a stronger future and been spent on education. One way or another, the economy is affecting TJC.

Ronald Reagan said in a speech when he was running for president, "a recession is when your neighbor loses his job. A depression is when you lose yours."

TJC student Josh Aaron felt the economies wrath last October when he lost his job

at the warehouse where he was working. He had been working there for 14 months.

"At first I couldn't believe it. I was shocked," Aaron said. "You hear about stuff like that happening but think it could never happen to you."

Some students argue the economy hasn't affected them, but it soon will. Students have seen what effects the economy has done to them and their family's finances, but it's also having an effect on the college itself, positively and negatively.

"It has affected us," said Vincent Nguyen, director of student life and involvement. "We are trying to be good stewards of the students and taxpayers money."

The economy has not had a complete negative effect on TJC. Brian Thurman, director of purchasing, has seen the college's enrollment grow. Due to

the economy, people are wanting to gain new skills to allow them to find employment.

There was a thought that TJC was going to close Potter Hall for the summer to save cost, but Thurman doesn't believe that to be the case.

"TJC is not closing Potter Hall, but may be looking to gain any savings possible on utilities in buildings where there are opportunities for the summer to reduce expense."

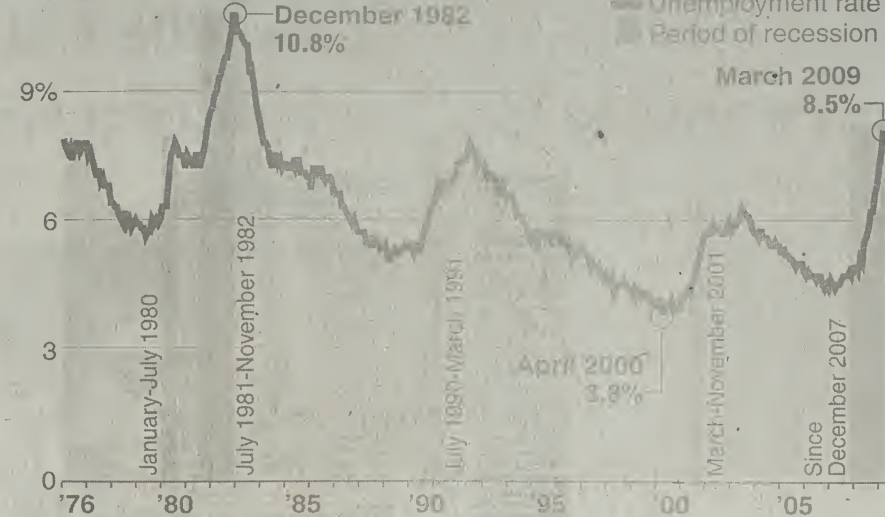
The college is also doing things on a much smaller scale as well. Nguyen, at times, doesn't turn the light on in his office.

"Every little bit counts, I have a lot of natural light so I don't always need the additional light," Nguyen said.

Turning off lights may seem small, but it makes a difference if it is done campus wide. Thurman said the lower the cost of utilities, the more the

Tracking joblessness, recessions

U.S. unemployment rate has risen sharply since the beginning of the current recession but is still off from previous highs.



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college saves.

Savings for the college means more money for the college and during these economic times that's not only what the college is searching for but ev-

eryone is looking for.

According to economic analysts, the economy will bounce back and more than likely it will be back completely by the middle of 2010.

"The \$700 billion dollar bailout that was put into place recently will have an effect on the U.S. taxpayers," President Barack Obama said. "It just takes time."

Non-profits see differences made in lives

By Lea Rittenhouse
Staff Writer

Embarrassed, a 17-year-old girl went to the Literacy Council of Tyler for help, because she did not know how to read, write her own name or tell time.

"She was 17 years old and had not spent one day in public school," Jessie Prestridge, the community relations coordinator, said.

The girl was living with her grandparents who were supposed to be home schooling her, but her skill level was around the second grade.

The Literacy Council has a youth program that helps students get their GED. This girl has now passed every section but one of her GED because of the help she received through the Literacy Council.

"I wish everyone had a job that they knew they were helping [hopeless] people, because that's what drives me, knowing I am making a difference in someone's life," Prestridge said.

Prestridge has worked with the Literacy Council since 2001.

Local social service organizations provide people in need with food, education, medication and other services, in order to bring hope to people in Smith County.

In the midst of the current economic crisis, non-profit organizations are finding changes in volunteers and funding.

Organizations like PATH, The Literacy Council of Tyler, and the Salvation Army are seeing a greater number of volunteers since the de-

“There has been an increase of volunteers coming in saying they want to give back to the community.”

— DeAnn Sutton
Volunteers coordinator, Literacy Council

cline in the economy and the loss of jobs.

"There has been an increase of volunteers coming in saying they want to give back to the community," DeAnn Sutton, volunteers coordinator at the Literacy Council, said.

Lori Pallex, volunteer and special events coordinator for the Salvation Army, said that they are seeing a lot of men who recently lost their jobs coming to volunteer.

"In times of economic crisis, we tend to focus more on humanity, on each other, on families and neighbors, and less on material things," Christina Fulsom, the executive director of PATH, said.

Suzanne Daniel volunteers every Thursday at PATH, serving as a caseworker.

"I love it. PATH is very close to my heart," Daniel said. "You can sit across from someone who absolutely does not know what to do and give them hope."

PATH is an organization in Tyler that has not yet had any problems with receiving funding since the economic crisis.

"We have been very fortunate. I hear across the nation and from other non-profits that they are receiving less funding, but that is not true for us," Fulsom said.

While some organizations like PATH are still receiving the funding that they need, others are seeing shifts in funding.

The Salvation Army is one organization that experienced a change.

"We have had a shift. Some of our big donors are really stepping it up and donating more because they know that run-of-the-mill people aren't able to anymore," JoAnn Luter-Paulson, the grants administrator of the Salvation Army, said.

The Literacy Council of Tyler is running a little behind on raising the funding that they need.

"The unknown is will we make it up or will we get further behind," Nancy Crawford, the executive director of the Literacy Council of Tyler, said.

The United Way, which funds 25 organizations around Tyler including the Salvation Army and the Literacy Council, saw a slight decrease in funds in 2008, bringing in 2 percent less than their goal.

"We are expecting to have more of a pledge loss, which means that maybe people who were working at the time and have since lost their job, that pledge will cease or at least decrease," Lisa Gardener, the allocations director of the United Way, said.

For more information on how to give funds or volunteer directly for one of these organizations, contact their local office or find them online.

NEWS IN BRIEF

CLASS REGISTRATION TO BEGIN APRIL 20 AND 29

Fall Registration will begin April 20. TJC's first Mini-Registration for summer and fall 2009 registration will be April 29 and 30. It will be held on the 2nd Floor of Rogers Student Center. Advisors, Admission staff and Registrar's staff will be available to help with summer and fall registration. Class schedules will be available online and the printed schedule will soon follow that week.

STUDENTS VOTE IN NEW SENATE MEMBERS

Students voted on April 13 and 14 for the 2009-2010 Student Senate members. The election induction will be held on April 22. For results, go to tjcnewspaper.com.

FORENSIC TEAM MEDALS AT NATIONAL COMPETITION

The TJC Forensic team traveled to Portland, Ore. on April 10 to compete in the national Phi Kappa Phi competition. The team brought home eight awards. Travis Smith won a gold medal in Impromptu Speaking and a silver medal in Extemporaneous Speaking. Jessica Peters also received a silver medal in Persuasive speaking. Jessica Peters, Kinsy Martin, Alex Warren, Alina Dolzhenko and Justin Charles received bronze medals also.

APACHE POW WOW RECEIVES 22 AWARDS AT CONFERENCE

The Apache Pow Wow, the award-winning student newspaper of Tyler Junior College, walked away with 22 awards including Best of Show during the annual Texas Intercollegiate Press Association conference April 9-11 in Dallas.

"I am proud of my students who showed that TJC is preparing them with the tools to succeed in a changing news business," said Laura Krantz, TJC Journalism Department chair and faculty adviser to The Apache Pow Wow. "These students are the future of journalism, and it was exciting to see them use their talents to compete with schools from across Texas."

Awards the Pow Wow staff received for previously published work were:

- Third Place, Overall Excellence, The Apache Pow Wow Staff
- First Place, Page One Design, Kamren Thompson
- First Place, Feature Story, Sarah Goulden
- First Place, Sports News Story, Michael George
- First Place, Sports Page Layout, Michael George
- First Place, General Column, Cody Lillich
- First Place, Sports Action Photo, Kamren Thompson
- Second Place, News Photography, Cody Lillich
- Second Place, Editorial Page Design, Polly d'Avignon
- Third Place, Critical Review, Natalie Kushner
- Third Place, Ad Design, Polly d'Avignon
- Third Place, Feature Story, Matt Sneed
- Honorable Mention, Special Section, Cody Lillich and Kamren Thompson
- Honorable Mention, In-Depth Reporting, Sarah Goulden
- Honorable Mention, Feature Photo, Kamren Thompson
- Honorable Mention, Editorial Cartoon, Trevor Bethea
- Honorable Mention, Information Graphic, Faith Harper
- Honorable Mention, Photo Illustration, Polly d'Avignon
- Honorable Mention, General Column, Natalie Kushner

On-site contests are not broken down by division, meaning TJC students competed against students from some of Texas' biggest universities. The awards students received during the on-site contest included:

- First Place, Magazine Design, Kamren Thompson
- Second Place, Feature Writing, Kamren Thompson
- Third Place, News Photography, Ashlee Summers

The Texas Intercollegiate Press Association (TIPA) consists of member public and private community colleges and four-year universities in Texas that teach journalism or have existing or planned student publications. More than 100 schools and 600 delegates attended the annual conference in Dallas.

TJC to host 19th annual International Day

By Teresa Ramirez
Staff Reporter

The drum makes a beat and another one joins as the dancer comes in with her traditional handmade outfit and proudly dances to her country's song.

For the 19th time, TJC is hosting International Day, an educational and cultural event where people from distinctive cultural backgrounds have the opportunity to teach others about their country.

"International Day is going to give me the opportunity to show some really fascinating details about my country," Rosemary Hays, a Guatemalan exhibitor for International Day, said. "I'd like to show people a Guatemalan experience and what it is about."

International Day at TJC was founded by Dr. Manoucher Khosrowshahi, also known as "Dr. K," a government instructor at TJC and 2008 Texas professor of the year.

"When I came here about 20 years ago, I noticed that something was missing [at TJC]," Dr. K. said. "So I took the initiatives with my own personal funding and creativity to start International Day."

The number of visitors has grown a lot at International Day. It has been possible with Dr. K's help and his students, who have volunteered throughout the years to set up exhibits and perform.

"At the beginning, we had hardly 100 visitors, now we get almost 3,000

people every year who come to our event," Dr. K. said. "I encourage students and visitors to dress up, because this is the event where they can show off their culture."

About 40 to 50 countries have exhibits, such as Brazil, Egypt, Germany, Costa Rica, Philippines, Japan, India, Iran, Ireland, Italy, Kenya, Mexico, Nigeria, Spain and China.

TJC students are not the only ones attending and participating at International Day. According to Dr. K., people from Athens, Longview, Austin, Dallas, Houston and community people from Tyler have been present.

"This event is a college event, but it is open to the community," Dr. K. said. "Anybody in the community who has an interest in cultural and international festivities, all they need to do is just call me and I will facilitate their participation."

Nationally well-known people have been present at International Day also.

"He [Dr. K.] had [ex president] Clinton come in one year," Lupe Vargas, a previous volunteer for International Day and a Nursing major, said. "I went to International Day, and I fell in love with it. It was just a great place to meet people and not just people from TJC."

Exhibits are not the only things visitors get to see and experience when they come to International Day. There are fashion shows, different country food samples and music, free food, drinks and ice cream,

TIME AND DATE

On-campus event

International Day will take place from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on April 28 in the Apache Rooms.

games, free books, contests, prizes and dances.

"I mean, the music throughout the day is awesome," Vargas said. "The first time I went there, I learned so much about different areas. It was just a culture shock, because you just learn everything possible in just like 20 minutes of walking around. When you leave there, you leave with a whole bunch of knowledge."

The International Day event is from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Tuesday, April 28 and takes place in the Apache Rooms of the Rogers Student Center. The event is free and includes admission, activities, food and a learning experience.

Anyone who has questions about International Day or who is interested in participating may contact Dr. K. by email at mkho@tjc.edu or visit http://socialscience.tjc.edu/mkho/iday/new_design/ for more information.

"International Day is very interesting and I will urge you, or whoever, to come this year and witness it," said Mary Mendy, a Gambian Dancer for International Day and a Liberal Arts-Economics sophomore at TJC. "It is awesome. So many countries, so much stuff to see — to learn."

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said Dr. Madeleine Ross, philosophy and history professor.

Another area of concern is that TJC is an open campus and could be vulnerable to shootings from people who are not enrolled students.

Ross said that firearms are not allowed currently on campus; however, if the law passes, she hopes they would come up with funds to establish security points since "anybody can come onto campus."

"A lot of the fights that broke out came from people that were not TJC students," history professor Kahne Parsons said.

Though all of the students in Mowry's class disagreed with the legislation, one student believes that they should allow licensed concealed guns on campus

Ryan Leroy, TJC student, said that people who break the rules are always going to find a way to get a gun and will hurt the people who are following the rules. He believes if legislation passes the bill, then people will be able to defend themselves.

"When you see a sign that says 'no guns here,' it doesn't prove that it is a safe campus, because those who don't follow the rules are going to bring a gun anyway and hurt all the ones who followed the sign," Leroy said.

Seven states including Texas are considering the legislation. 70 out of 150 house members and 12 out of 31 senate members support the bill.

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— Ryan Leroy
TJC student

According to Lock & Load Indoor Shooting Range of Tyler, a person would have to take a one-day session, which includes the required ten hours of class time, photos, electronic fingerprinting and notarization of affidavits to be able to qualify on the range with a handgun.

These are some of the many requirements by law to receive a license: a person must be at least 21 years of age, have not been convicted of a felony or been diagnosed of needing psychiatric care.

Though background checks are required before issuing the permits for safety, the gunman of the Virginia Tech massacre had possession of the gun legally.

Campus Safety declined to give any comments on the legislation.

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"I personally believe that my tuition money should not go to stalking myself and my friends on Facebook," Ryan Leroy, a TJC student at the party, said. "Teachers and Staff should not micro-manage students' lives. It's not their position to be parents. College is about becoming an adult. We will never be able to if you do not let us make our own mistakes and learn from them on our own."

On the other hand, the faculty at TJC feel that these students are role models and their behavior does not represent TJC very well.

"When they are drinking and smoking, we have other students come up to us and ask if this is really someone that we want to represent us," Nguyen said.

Multiple students were affected by this Facebook scandal and were removed from their leadership positions. Many feel some frustration towards the actions that were taken by the administration.

"The faculty that is getting paid by the school needs to worry more about the school and what they are paid to do, rather than sitting on the computer going through students' Facebook and Myspace profiles," said Lauren Parrish, former TJC cheerleader who was removed from her position due to Facebook content. "My dad is a cop and can look at my Facebook at anytime, and if I am OK with him seeing my page then you know it is not bad."

Students are frustrated and feel that their experience at TJC has been damaged due to this situation and feel that everything that they once had has been taken away from them.

"I lost my sports announcing job, lost my position on Student Senate and lost my internship with the Frisco Rough Riders due to the photos on my Facebook of the party held at my house," TJC student Matt Sneed said.

According to Sneed, he has lost friendships and relationships due to other students being instructed to not be affiliated with him.

"I have learned more in the past six months than I ever have. I learned what is and isn't acceptable and that when you are in a leadership position, someone is constantly watching you," Sneed said.



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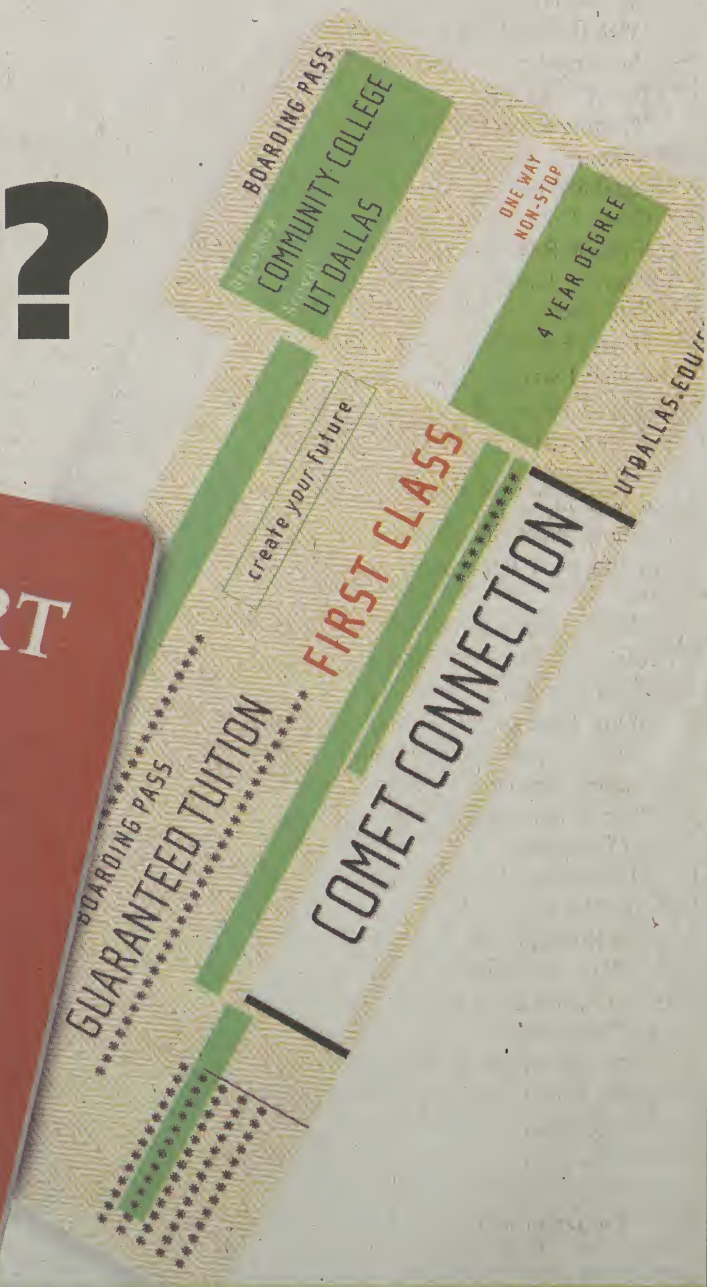
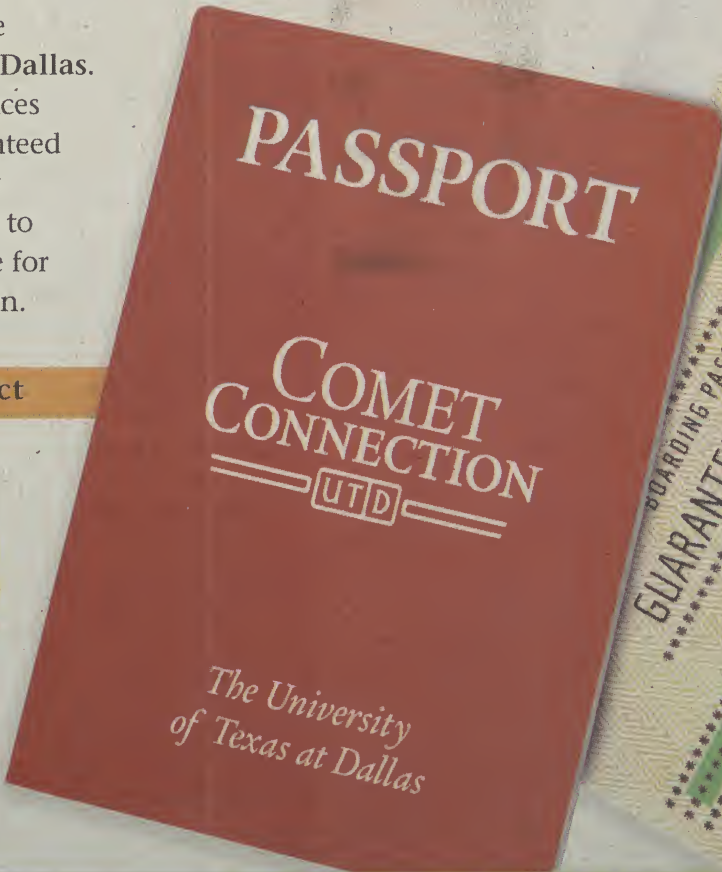
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Possibility for sports additions

Softball could come to TJC

Athletics could develop women's team by 2010

By Griffin Blackburn
Assistant Sports Editor

Tyler Junior College participates in every sport available in the district, except for one. Women's softball is the only sport TJC has yet to participate in, but don't hang-up that glove yet. Even though it has a long road to go, softball is on the drawing board.

Dr. Tim Drain, the director of Inter-collegiate Athletics, fields calls throughout the year on which sports TJC offers to prospective student athletes.

"I get calls every day about our sports. Maybe one a year for swimming, two a year for track and field, but the most I've been getting are for women's softball," Dr. Drain said.

Since TJC does not currently have any of these sports, Dr. Drain can look to add one if there is a high demand.

"It can start anywhere. I have six men's sports and five women's sports. I can add another women's sport," Dr. Drain said.

Dr. Drain will determine a possible schedule of opponents and the sports feasibility. After that Dr. Drain will meet with Dr. Austin Lane, vice president of student affairs, and TJC Business Services, to discuss cost, the impact on the school, interest and conference rules.

One of the most important components is the budget. The money for the sport can come from state funding or the students themselves who are interested in the sport. If the sport attracts 30 new student athletes who do not receive scholarships, the sport will bring in new revenue from their tuition money.

Women's soccer, as the youngest sport at TJC, had men's soccer as a successful model to build on.

"With women's soccer, I modeled the budget to men's soccer and created a women's scholarship budget," Dr. Drain said.

Scholarship money can be determined by finding out what other schools award for scholarships. Other schools are willing to communicate about their budgets. They want new schools to compete against and stay competitive with when it comes to recruiting new talent.

With the fire from a new sport growing, the school needs someone to watch over it and build it up.

"Getting a coach is like any other job. You announce the opening and hire the most qualified person," Dr. Drain said.

Coach Corey Rose is the women's first soccer coach. Rose had never started a program before, but was not intimidated by being the first.

"I have been coaching for a while, so I knew what I wanted and started from the ground up," Rose said.

A new coach has to make decisions on what he needs to develop the team. The coach will make decisions on uniforms, suggestions about the schedule, get equipment, and most importantly decide on a roster.

"After I had tryouts and decided on my roster, we had two weeks to practice before our first game," Rose said.

While Rose and Dr. Drain both agree that any new sport needs at least one full year before competition, women's soccer had three to four months from conception to their first game.

"Administration made this as easy as possible. We have a lot of quality people in administration. They know how to get things done, and that takes a lot of stress off the coaches so we can focus on our players," Rose said.

With all the details worked out, the new sport must be presented to the president for approval.

"If the president of the college agrees with our proposal, then TJC has a new sport," Dr. Drain said.

Cheer team's performance not good enough

By Aaron Boone
Sports Editor

For the first time since 2005, the Tyler Junior College Cheerleading Team competed for a national title. The road to that title, however, only led the squad to disappointment.

With over 500 teams competing for a chance to call themselves champions, TJC had their work cut out for them the second they arrived in Daytona Beach, Fla.

Leading the Apaches back onto the national scene is Head Cheerleading Coach Charles Chester, a two-time national champion. Before coming to TJC, Chester coached 15- to 20-year-olds at Pro Spirit All-Stars in McKinney. He was also a cheerleader for powerhouse Trinity Valley Community College, where he won two titles, and has cheered for a total of 14 years.

He is a champion, something his cheer team had also wanted to call themselves.

"I'm in it to win it. TJC wants to be the new cheerleading powerhouse," Chester said.

The squad is comprised of 20 cheerleaders, 11 men and 9 women who, unfortunately, do not have much experience as a group. Only five have competed at the collegiate level, labeling the other 15 members of the squad as "newbie's."

However, it could be argued that practice can make up for that inexperience, which the Apaches do quite often.

"There is a lot of team bonding, belief in team members and just plain old hard work," Chester said.

The squad spends every Monday, Wednesday, Friday and every other weekend from 5:30 p.m. to about 8:30 p.m. working on their routine, which they were given in January.

According to Chester, preparation is key to developing the smoothness that the routine should have when all of its pieces are finally put together.



Photos by Aaron Boone

CHESTER'S SQUAD is showing off the routine that they would be performing at the national competition. Unfortunately, their performance would only earn them a fifth place finish in a division of eight.



This particular routine has already changed three different times since January, leaving the Apaches wondering if their finished product was good enough to win it all. It was not.

Andrew Ayers, a freshman cheerleader on the team, certainly thought so.

"We are going down to Daytona for one thing, and that's to get that ring," Ayers said.

The Apaches left for Daytona Beach on April 8, and had hoped to return with a little hardware. There were eight teams competing in Tyler's bracket, with five of those teams placing. But just doing well in their division was not the team's overall

objective.

"I believe with all my heart that this group can bring home a national title," Chester said.

And since the cheer team did compete at a national level, it would mean they would have had to beat out the other 492 schools, all of which are not junior college squads.

The team was judged in six different categories on their first preliminary run; tumbling, stunts, pyramids, basket tosses, showmanship and crowd involvement. Eight different judges assigned the squad a score based on an 11-point scale. Those scores were then averaged together to get the teams final

score.

If a team's score places them within a certain percentage among the competition, that would earn that team a trip to the finals and a shot at a national championship. They would then perform the same routine in front of a considerably larger crowd and eight judges for that elusive national title.

With that goal in mind the Apaches boarded their plane to Daytona, with their luggage, high hopes and high expectations in tow. Unfortunately, all they came back to Tyler with was a fifth place finish in their division, not what coach Chester and company had in mind.

Another MLB career cut short, Angel's Adenhardt the victim

By Rick Hummel
St. Louis Post-Dispatch

The tragic death of Los Angeles Angels rookie pitcher Nick Adenhardt early Thursday

morning after he had blanked the Oakland Athletics for six innings in his first and last start of the year conjured memories of other big-league players who have died during the season and how they finished their careers, often long before they were ready to.

One of the most notable incidences also involved an Angels player. On Sept. 9, 1978, outfielder Lyman Bostock was killed by a shotgun blast as he sat in the back seat of a car at a stoplight in Gary, Ind., by a man who intended to shoot the woman in the car rather than him. Bostock had gone two for four against the Chicago White Sox that day at Comiskey Park, but his final at-bat was a groundout to end the game, lost by the Angels 5-4.

Thurman Munson, the great New York Yankees catcher, was playing first base in what turned out to be his final major-league game on Aug. 2, 1979. His final at-bat was a strikeout, also at Comiskey Park, and then he died the next day on an off-day when his private plane crashed

while he was practicing takeoffs and landings at an airport in his hometown of Akron, Ohio.

Harry Agganis was a promising, 26-year-old first baseman for the Boston Red Sox in 1955. On May 16, a day after he had gone six for 10 in a doubleheader in Boston, Agganis was hospitalized with chest pains. Six weeks later he was dead of a massive pulmonary embolism, although he had returned to play two more games, again at Comiskey Park. Agganis went two for four in his final game, June 2, but in his final at-bat, he flied out into a double play as baserunner Ted Williams was caught off first base. Fans here, of course, recall the Cardinals' two losses of life in this decade.

Both Darryl Kile, who died of a heart attack on June 22, 2002, and Josh Hancock, who was killed in a car crash on April 29, 2007, closed their playing careers on a positive note, as it turned out. Kile beat the Angels 7-2 at Busch Stadium on June 18, giving up a hit to Garret Anderson, the last hitter he faced, before being relieved by Gene Stechschulte. Kile pitched the Cardinals into first place that night, and they would go on to win the division title. Hancock, working the last three innings of a blowout game five days before he died, pitched scoreless ball, giving up just two hits and retiring Ken Griffey Jr. for his final out.

Perhaps the most legendary player to die before his career was over came after the 1972 season, on Dec. 31, in fact, when Pittsburgh Pirates great Roberto Clemente, 38, was killed in a

small plane crash as he flew to Nicaragua to help victims of an earthquake.

What turned out to be Clemente's last regular-season game came on Sept. 30, 1972, when he doubled off New York Mets lefthander Jon Matlack. The hit was No. 3,000 for Clemente, who was pinch-hit for on his next at-bat by fellow future Hall of Famer Bill Mazeroski.

Clemente played in the National League Championship Series with the Pirates and was walked intentionally in the eighth inning of Game 5 in the last plate appearance of his career. The irony of this was that the free-swinging Clemente hardly ever walked, drawing just 621 passes in nearly 2,500 games.

The defending World Series champion Pirates were three outs away from going to the Series again, but Cincinnati scored two runs in the bottom of the ninth to win the deciding game, with the winning run wild-pitched home by Bob Moose, who himself was killed in an auto accident after the 1976 season.

For the record, the last batter Nick Adenhardt would face was Oakland's Rajai Davis. Davis grounded to third base to end the Oakland sixth inning in a game that Adenhardt and the Angels seemed destined to win as they held a 3-0 lead.

The Angels lost the game to an Oakland flurry in the eighth and ninth innings.

Then, early the next morning, they lost much more.

(Distributed by MCT)



Nick Adenhardt

sportsCALENDAR

Upcoming TJC home games:

Baseball April 17: TJC vs Mountain View, 2 p.m. @ Mike Carter Field

Tennis (M/W) April 14: TJC vs Collin County, 2:30 p.m. @ JoAnn Medlock Murphy Tennis Center

Golf (M/W) April 20-21: Region XIV Tournament @ Eagles Bluff Country Club



Rising student debt overwhelming for graduates

By Sidni Kirby
Online Editor

Education is almost essential for success in the world, but finding the funds for a needed education is not easy for a large majority of students.

"Between my wife and I, we have about \$14,000 in loans so far for school. We will have to start paying them off in August when she graduates," Nick Hammons, 22, former TJC student, said. "We will just make payments on them, but it won't be easy and it will take a while to pay them all off."

According to American Student Assistance, federal loans are the primary source for federal financial aid. Between the years of 2000-2007, an estimated 60 percent of bachelor's degree recipients borrowed to help fund their education, and the average debt per borrower rose 18 percent during this time period.

"I took a semester off so we had to make payments on my loans for six months. It was really hard to manage all of that," Hammons said.

Between school and living expenses, many struggling students turn to credit cards to help offset costs of the every day, thus giving them more debt than just the student loans.

In 2007, two out of three students had a credit card, and the average debt of a senior is close to \$3,000 at graduation, according to American Student Assistance.

"My parents didn't want me to get a credit card, but it was my way of rebelling," Brianna Harmon, TJC

ACCEPTING LOANS

On the rise
Over the past decade, the amount of borrowing for college has increased 108 percent according to helpmepaymyloans.com.

student, said. "I figured I would only use it on small stuff and build up my credit score, but I ended up going crazy with it."

Harmon is now trying to pay off her credit card debt so that she will not have to worry about the loans and the debt from her credit card after graduation.

According to helpmepaymyloans.com, over the past decade, the amount of borrowing for college has increased 108 percent.

With an ailing economy and unemployment rising, many students have no other option but to take out loans when they find themselves unable to pay for school.

"My parents said they would pay for my school, but when my dad lost his job, I was worried they wouldn't be able to anymore," TJC student Cody West said. "I don't want the pressure of trying to find a job and knowing that I have a loan to pay off after graduation."

After graduation, a student that has taken out a loan is required to start making payments, unless the payments are deferred. There are many different rules and requirements when paying off loans and the lending agency is who would set those rules.

"The main problem with loans



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would be the consequences resulting from default. Students become ineligible for all aid programs, their IRS refunds could be taken, or their wages garnished at work, plus adverse credit history," Devon Wiggins, TJC financial aid director, said.

To pay off debt of employees, employers are required to take out

a percentage of an employee's pay each paycheck to make up for the payments that have not been made.

"I have an employee that is unable to get an automatic promotion, because he does not have enough college hours, but I am still having to take out 15 percent of his check each month to pay off the loans that

he had during his four years in college," Nina Smith, manager for Jones Rural Water in Quitman, said.

Wiggins offers a few words of advice for students who either have a loan or who are considering taking out a loan: "Borrow conservatively and stay in touch with your lenders and servicers."



Photo courtesy of Getty Images

Students determined to shed pounds

By Ashley Summers
Photo Editor

Students are ready, to start the summer season and show off their bikini's, muscles and more.

However, obesity is an epidemic that is sweeping the country according to the Journal of the American Medical Association. The media makes visible a nationwide obsession with the latest diet plans and exercise regimens, and some people even resort to fasting in an effort to shed pounds.

Amber Green, A&M Commerce student, plans to stop eating everything but fruit and vegetables.

"I am bound and determined to lose weight. All I am having is an apple, an orange and a protein shake a day for as long as I can. Angelina Jolie does it," Green said.

Green once tried to go without eating any carbohydrates or protein. She survived on salads. She then became shaky and had to be taken to the hospital to get urgent care. She had no energy.

Scientists are finding a way to identify unhealthy diets. According to *HealthDay News*, people who are eating a poor quality diet can be identified by a simple urine test.

The food pyramid is what many doctors want people to follow. Unfortunately, many people attempting to diet do not get all the nutrients they need.

Constantly-on-the-run college students find it easy to go to McDonald's or Jack in the Box for a quick, easy and cheap meal.

"It's faster to drive through Jack in the Box than to go in some place healthier like Subway," TJC student Johnny Martin said.

Jenny Craig is a heavily advertised weight loss program. Actress Valerie Bertinelli dropped 40-plus pounds on the Jenny Craig program along with working with a personal trainer. Por-

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Some tips from fitness trainers

Correct rope length

Handles reach armpits when you step on center of rope

A good pace

120-135 beats a minute (music with the right tempo is useful)

Best shoes to wear

Cross-trainers or aerobic shoes in good condition

Best surfaces

- Wood floor • Rubber tile
- Flat carpet

Not so good

- Concrete • Hard tile

Relax upper body

Loosen shoulders and hold elbows in as you jump; use wrists, not arms, to turn rope

Resting in motion

Jump for a few minutes, then rest, but keep moving gently, then jump again

NOTE: Men over 40 and women over 50 who are sedentary should check first with a doctor before starting rope jumping

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tioned meals and exercise was the diet she chose.

Ally is another commonly-known diet.

Doug Mullin, owner of American Mortuary in Dallas said, "I will never take Ally again."

Ally is known for loosening your intestines and letting waste flow uncontrollably.

With so many options on the market and conflicting messages from both the media and health authorities, college students might find it difficult to figure out which diet plan to attempt.

A physician is the best person to ask about a healthy diet for each type of person. There are also many diets and recipes online to help people find the most suitable diet plan for themselves.

Program returns to campus

Adopt-A-Dorm reinstalled at TJC

By Whitney Green
Staff Writer

Tyler Junior College Campus Safety Officers and Residential Life and Housing have teamed up to provide students with safe environments and living conditions.

In January, Campus Safety reinstalled the Adopt-A-Dorm program for the second time. The program was originally created a few years ago, but dissolved when changes were made to Residential Life and Housing.

With this program, each officer or guard "adopts" a specific dorm that they will visit regularly and do routine checks throughout the semester.

"This really helps us get to know the students," Campus Safety Officer Peggy Scott said.

Not only does this provide safety and protection for the students, it enables relationships and opens up lines of communication.

"It has made Campus Safety officers more opportunities to meet residents and answer residents' questions," Jade Gomez, assistant director of Residential Life and Housing, said. "Communication between housing staff and Campus Safety officers has improved."

Formal meetings are held monthly, and campus safety and housing staff talk about issues and incidents that are happening in the residential halls.

Also, campus safety contacts the residential directors at least once a week on their assigned hall.

"I think the program helps the residents meet the campus safety officers. By meeting these officers, residents are able to ask them questions and be comfortable to approach the officers with issues and/or concerns," Gomez said.

Some areas that have been brought to the attention of campus safety have included locks on students' doors and specific lighting in the parking lots.

Students are also allowed to log their computers and electronics in case their property is stolen. The log includes the serial number, make and model, color and any other piece of information that could be used if the property were to be stolen from the student.

TJC THEATER'S FINAL PRODUCTION

"Cover of Life" to be finishing performance

"Cover of Life" will be the Tyler Junior College theatre department's final offering of the 2008-09 season.

The production is scheduled to run today through April 19 in Jean Browne Theatre. All evening performances begin at 7:30 p.m., except for a 2 p.m. Sunday matinee. There is no Sunday evening performance.

All seats are \$5. Box office hours are from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Mondays through Fridays. For reservations or production information, call (903) 510-2212.

The play has bite, humor and heart with rich scenes for the three young brides, which illustrate varying degrees of anger, frustration, harbored dreams and shattered illusions. Parental guidance is suggested.



Photo by Griffin Blackburn

CAN'T STAY AWAKE TJC student Erin Maccond takes a nap on a chair in Vaughn Library on April 13.

Students face sleep problems

By Fauzia Arain
Chicago Tribune

WAKE UP

If you're lucky, you're still sleeping when it's "time to make the doughnuts."

We asked Joni Caputa, a pastry chef of two years at Bitter Sweet Pastry Shop in Chicago's Lakeview neighborhood, how she manages to kick the sandman to the curb at 4:15 every morning.

"I don't let myself set a snooze on my alarm, and I put my alarm across the room," Caputa said.

Once she's vertical, "I have coffee immediately from an automatic coffee maker, and I need a glass of cold water to wake up."

FALL ASLEEP

Whether you suffer from insomnia or are just having an off night, the solution is mostly mind over matter.

No gadgets, no pills, no hypnotism, just some sound advice from Northwestern Memorial Hospital's Dr. Lisa Woofe, a physician who specializes in sleep medicine.

SET YOUR INTERNAL CLOCK

"Have stringent times for getting into and out of bed," Woofe said. "Your body has a clock that helps regulate your brain when you're awake and asleep, and your body will auto start the sleep process accordingly."

GET STEAMED

"Before bed, take a hot shower and then enter a relatively cool bedroom," Woofe recommended as a way to copy the natural effects of a warming sun setting. "Imagine an ancient man living out on a prairie."

When the sun goes up, you get up, when the sun sets, you sleep ... and when the sun goes down it gets cooler. In modern society, we regu-

late lights and the body gets disconnected from the environment."

LET THERE NOT BE LIGHT

"Get both bright light, like sunlight, in the morning and avoid bright lights in the evening," Woofe said.

"And for shift workers, if you're a third-shift person and you leave work at 10 a.m., put sunglasses on when you go outside."

WORK IT OUT

"During daytime, make sure you get exercise. It helps sleep at night, especially for those over the age of 60, for whom staying asleep is a big issue," said Woofe, who cited studies done at Northwestern's sleep center by her colleague Dr. Phyllis Zee. "Research has shown that exercise during the day is better than a sleeping pill." Woofe also says to complete all activity two hours before sleep time.

PUT THE BRAKES ON YOUR BRAIN

"Keep a worry diary in your bedroom, so when you're thinking, 'I can't forget to get that fax at the office' or 'I have to remember to go to the post office,' write that in the diary and put it next to your bed," says Woofe.

Another way to distract a restless mind is to fill it with peaceful pictures.

"With imagery therapy, you come up with a pleasurable image, such as a beautiful vacation on the beach, and you concentrate on how the sun feels on your face, the sand on your toes, the cute guy bringing you drinks," she said.

Woofe warned not to sleep in to make up for the lost hours at night. "Keep a fixed wake-up time, and get up and go about your day."

It's an investment in good sleep," she said. "The next night you should be tired enough to fall asleep on time. A little bit of pain today means good sleep for tomorrow."

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“Bigger, Better, More Depressing than Ever”

Tyler celebrating 13th annual Texas Blues Festival on downtown square

By Courtney Hodgkins
Staff Writer

“Bigger, Better, More Depressing than Ever” is the slogan of the 13th annual Texas Blues Festival, which will be held on the brick streets of downtown Tyler on April 25 from noon to midnight.

This event is sponsored by the City of Tyler, Heart of Tyler Main Street Program and Rick's on the Square.

“It was started to draw people to downtown Tyler,” Beverly Abell, di-

MUSIC FESTIVAL

Texas Blues Festival will be April 25 from noon to midnight.

Tickets are \$15 if purchased online and \$20 at the gate.

rector of Heart of Tyler Main Street Program, said

The Blues Festival can attract as many as 4,000 people during the day. The first 100 people to attend will receive a pair of Texas Blues Festival

sunglasses.

“This is a great event that will be 12 solid hours of music,” Abell said.

The Texas Blues Festival will feature many high-profile bands such as Larry Garner Blues Band, Lil' Dave Thompson, Jim Suhler and Monkey Beat, Big Smoo and the Trailer Park as well as many others.

“We will have a lot of great bands,” Rick Eltife, owner of Rick's on the Square, said.

Abell said she is getting phone calls from out-of-state people interested in coming into town to listen

to their favorite bands. She has had many interested callers from Oklahoma, Arkansas, Louisiana and many from all around Texas.

“Many of my family members are traveling from the Houston area to attend the festival and are very excited,” TJC student Whitney Flewellen said.

Besides the many bands that will be playing, souvenirs like t-shirts and limited edition posters will be sold. Anyone interested in purchasing anything should arrive early. Food and alcoholic beverages will be available

to adults over the age of 21.

Tickets are available in advance online at TXBluesFest.com for \$15 and will be available at the gate for \$20. There is no age requirement to attend.

Parking will be easily accessible around the downtown area, but some roads will be closed. Ferguson Street from Broadway Avenue to Bois D'Arc Avenue, College Avenue from Locust Street to Elm Street and Erwin Street will be closed.

“This event is the gamut of the blues,” Abell said.

Illegal downloading could harm industry

By Sarah Hall
Staff Writer

Honest people wouldn't steal clothes, money or a car from their friends, but many steal music from their favorite bands without even knowing it.

Before every modern DVD or VHS tape is a copyright law screen warning the viewer of the consequences of duplication and distribution, but the music industry does not have this screen.

“Around 95 percent of all music is downloaded without payment to artists or producers,” John Kennedy, chairman and chief executive of the International Federation of the Phonographic Industry in its 2009 Digital Music Report said.

Millions of college students, teens and adults illegally download, or pirate, their favorite music every year. The illegal act of piracy has not been prevented even though the Recording Industry Association of America has sued hundreds of people.

In Title 17, United States Code, Sections 501 and 506, it states that “the unauthorized reproduction, distribution, rental or digital transmission of copyrighted sound recordings” has severe civil and criminal penalties.

“If a fan truly loves a band, they will support the band by buying their music. It's a fair trade when the artist creates something and the fans buy it to enjoy it and to show their appreciation,” Tanner Howe, lead singer/songwriter of Disco Curtis said.

When on the Internet, it's as if anything can be free with the click of a mouse, but this law and the “No Electronic Theft law” (NET Act) include downloading copyrighted music from servers such as BitTorrent and LimeWire illegally.

The consequences for piracy are expensive and time consuming. For example, criminal penalties for first-time offenders will be up to five years in prison and \$250,000 in fines.

Civil penalties on the other hand, can cost thousands of dollars in damage and legal fees. The minimum penalty is \$750 per song but when one person could download hundreds of songs before getting caught,

the price can get pretty large. The NET Act states that even something as simple as MP3 trading or file sharing could cost up to five years in prison.

This includes opening a forwarded e-mail that contains an illegally used copyrighted song.

Breaking this law not only puts downloading agent users at risk, but it also diminishes the effort so many people put into creating music.

“For every artist you can name at the top of the Billboard music charts, there is a long line of songwriters, sound engineers and label employees who help create those hits. They all feel the pain of music theft,” the Recording Industry Association of America fact sheet said.

Downloading copyrighted music could cripple the music industry and destroy all the hard work that musicians, songwriters and composers do in order to better entertain the world.

“Even though illegal downloading can

be great for spreading the word about new bands, there comes a point where it gets to be out of control, and it can really affect the way a band operates,” Howe said.

Although most bands are against piracy, some feel as if it helps smaller unknown bands get their name out. Even though bands don't get paid for the music that is stolen online, the listeners who enjoy their music tend to buy tickets to concerts and purchase band merchandise.

“Sharing music between friends and the public is a great thing happening due to the progression of technology through music. It's about our fans, not the money that they make us. Them actually being into our music and wanting to let others know, can you really put a price on something like that,” Kip Krugler, drummer for the local band Cinder Cell said.

For more information on copyright laws visit www.riaa.com, or www.ifpi.org and for a listing of legal music downloading agents go to www.musicunited.org.



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ON THE SILVER SCREEN British actor Robert Pattinson, left, plays perfect vampire boyfriend Edward Cullen to Kristen Stewart's Bella, in “Twilight.”

In the ‘Twilight’ zone Another popular novel adapts to silver screen

By Sarah Malik
Arts and Entertainment Editor

Vampires, werewolves and romance are what readers can get out of the “Twilight” series. With the popularity of “Twilight” increasing, many may wonder why this book grabs the reader's attention, while others may wonder who the heck is Edward Cullen.

Twilight has become a major phenomenon in the past months due to the last book of the series “Breaking Dawn” releasing last year and the release of the major motion picture, “Twilight.”

The series is written by Stephenie Meyer who, according to her Web site, got the idea from a dream she had. “Twilight” was published in 2005 with four books in the series. “Twilight” has become one of the most talked about novels in recent popular culture.

“Twilight” is the story of a regular, teenage girl, Isabella Swan who is known as Bella throughout the series. She falls in love with a vampire named Edward Cullen. From the first book, their love for each other develops, as well as the many encounters they have with other vampires and werewolves who come in the story around the second book. The story is set mostly in Forks, Washington.

According to the local Barnes and Noble, the “Twilight” series is mostly sold to females from ages 15 to 50.

“I enjoyed the book from the first page to the last page,” Gloria Reese, sophomore nursing major, said. “My granddaughter was the one who got me interested in the series. It can hold anyone's interest, no matter what age,” Reese said.

Many “Twilight” fans who have been with the series from the beginning were disappointed with the outcome of the movie.

“The best part is it mixes up the fantasy world with the real romance,” Sunni Green, sophomore nursing major, said. “The movie does not do justice to the books.”

There has also been criticism directed at Meyer's writing and comparisons to “Harry Potter” author J.K. Rowling. In an interview with USA Weekend author Stephen King said, “both Rowling and Meyer, they're speaking directly to young people... The real difference is that J.K. Rowling is a terrific writer and Stephenie Meyer can't write worth a darn. She's not very good.”

Many educators, however, are very pleased that children are reading the books without being told.

“We live in a world where kids today are not required to use their imaginations as much as they did in the pre-TV and pre-computer days,” Paula Buck, TJC freshman and sophomore English teacher, said. “If they discover fantasy books that would appeal to their imagination, than I am in favor of that.”

“Twilight” has integrated so much into the pop culture it has been translated in 33 different languages.

ET orchestra provides entertainment, aid for community

By Kamren Thompson
Editor In Chief

The mixture of classical and contemporary music makes the East Texas Symphony Orchestra one of the top artistic and historical organizations in East Texas.

“We think we are a part of the heart of Tyler's cultural life. Our mission is to engage, educate and enlighten audiences through the live performance of symphonic music,” Kathy Housby, associate director of marketing and development, said. “It's rare to get to hear a live symphonic concert these days. It's something really unique.”

The orchestra produces four master concerts every year and numerous smaller concerts.

“We traditionally do four master works and five concerts,” Housby said. “We also do additional concerts including family and school concerts and a few others including special events.”

The next performance, “A Love For The Land,” on April 25 at the UT-Tyler Cowan Center will feature Aaron Copeland's Fanfare for the Common Man and Appalachian Spring.

“It's the last concert of the season,”

Housby said. “It is going to feature all American music. The first half of the concert features works by Aaron Copeland.”

The first two pieces will also have photochoreography by James Westwater.

“There will be three giant screens over the orchestra onto which will be projected his [Westwater's] photography from throughout the U.S.,” Housby said. “The two other works that night will not have photochoreography.”

This performance is also unique because the orchestra will be working in partnership with the East Texas Food Bank to host the food drive, “Feeding the Body, Feeding the Soul.”

“People can bring nonperishable food items to the show that evening,” Housby said. “It's tying into a national initiative called Orchestra Feeding America. We are really excited to be involved with the food bank.”

Housby said they have no trouble finding performers; they draw music from throughout the East Texas area.

“[Selecting work] is a combined effort. We do have a music director and conductor, Per Brevig. He really oversees the artistic, musical side of what happens here. He selects the work we perform,” Housby said.

The orchestra has been drawing performers for 65 years after its creation by Mrs. W.C. Windsor and the Tyler Women's Forum in the 1930s.

The symphony was discontinued during World War II. However, Mrs. Varina G. Powell, a Tyler Symphony violinist, and Roger A. Harris, manager of the Chamber of Commerce, revived orchestra operations in 1950.

Dr. Cheryl Rogers, executive director of institutional effectiveness, planning and research is a season ticket holder, and remembers when the orchestra was housed in Wise Auditorium on the TJC Main Campus.

“I remember they [musicians] met every week to rehearse while it was at Wise,” Rogers said. “We enjoy listening to the different variety of music. Tyler is pretty fortunate to have an orchestra for its size. We are truly blessed.”

Housby said the orchestra has been affected by the economy, but not drastically.

“We are like any non-profit right now, and people are having to tighten their belts a little bit and having to reflect on where their donations go,” she said. “We are lucky people have continued to contribute to the orchestra and feel positive about the future.”



Photo illustration courtesy of MCT

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programs from the malware's creator. The worm then tries to spread itself to other computers on the same network.

Larry Mendez, TJC's chief information officer, said that TJC has not yet had any problems with the worm due to the extensive antivirus software in place.

"Currently we use the corporate edition of Symantec AntiVirus. We have each individual computer system updated daily to make sure we have current and updated virus/adware/spyware definitions installed," Mendez said. "Additionally, we have a product from TippingPoint. That is an Intrusion Detection System (IDS) that looks deep into network traffic and stops worms like Conficker. We also have firewalls and other packet filters to help with meticulous network traffic."

A Microsoft customer service representative said the steps Microsoft has in place effectively protect against the worm, but users should ensure that the anti-virus installed on the computer is updated in order to prevent intrusions. The representative also said Microsoft offers no-charge support via chat, e-mail or phone.

Worms and viruses make their way through the Internet by searching for weak places in security. However, many users allow the malicious software, also known as malware, free access to their hard drives by downloading information from the Internet through sites like the popular peer-to-peer file sharing site LimeWire.

Freshman Shaquita Shead said that she gets viruses often and believes it's from downloading music from the Internet.

"It happens about every other month or every two months. I download a lot of music from LimeWire, and that probably has something to do with it," Shead said. "I have to scan the whole computer and take everything off that has a virus."

Sophomore Martin Smith said he has very meticulous Internet habits that keep his machine safe. He doesn't use peer-to-peer file sharing sites or other obvious virus breeding grounds.

"As far as viruses go, I don't go places I could get a virus. Anything like Limewire or bit torrent, that's the number one way to get this malicious software in your computer - trying to get something for nothing," Smith said. "I don't use a firewall or virus protection or anything. I'm completely open, but I'm very meticulous and careful about what I do. I really highly doubt I will ever get a virus."

Freshman Kathy Reyes owns three PCs, all with virus protection.

"I have Norton on mine. My dad's has Webroot and my mom's computer has Avast. The other two computers download music and videos, and we've had to wipe the drives several times," Reyes said. "We try to get rid of it through the antivirus first. If that doesn't work, we take it to the shop."

Despite the problems, Reyes believes Micro-

soft is trying to help their customers.

"Microsoft tries. They even hire hackers to prevent stuff like that from happening, but hackers have a bad habit of getting into programs like Internet Explorer and planting viruses," Reyes said.

Smith said Microsoft does what it must to stay in operation.

"They [Microsoft] tell you what you need to hear to buy more products," Smith said. "It's actually better if that [the worm] happens to you because then you will have to contribute to the computer industry by having your computer fixed or buying more PC parts or having a window certified technician employed on your behalf to fix your computer."

The Conficker worm and many others are usually targeted at PCs, many Macintosh owners believe they are completely safe from malicious software simply because it is a Mac. However, the main reason Macs have fewer viruses is because they make up less of the market share.

"Macs are safer from the perspective that they have less of the market share," Mendez said. "If a malicious individual aspires to cause harm and make a large impact, they typically focus efforts on the market leader, and that is a PC."

Viruses are viral, meaning they must have other machines nearby to effectively spread and cause havoc. Macintosh computers only make up about 7.5 percent of the market share, which means there are fewer computers to spread and infect.

"Microsoft dominates so much. There's not much in it for the hackers to get off on attacking a Mac user because there are less Mac users," Smith said. "There's not a big bang for your buck to write a virus for a Mac, because it won't proliferate itself as much as a Microsoft virus will, but there's still Mac viruses out there."

There are ways to protect against malicious software. One example is the operating system Linux. Linux is a part of the of the free and open source software collaboration, which is basically a lot of computer savvy people all over the world coming together to better software simply because they feel it should be better.

"In Linux, there are no viruses because of the way the software is. Nothing runs without you knowing it," Smith said. "Microsoft has a thing in its operating system called a registry, (which runs) background services and stuff. That's the key pitfall to why these viruses are able to do so much."

There are other, more simple ways of protection that do not require downloading a new operating system.

"Any worm and malicious software can be a threat. Make sure you are running some type of antivirus suite and keep it updated," Mendez said. "Also, make sure that you are keeping your Windows operating system updated via Windows Update for critical updates, security fixes and such."

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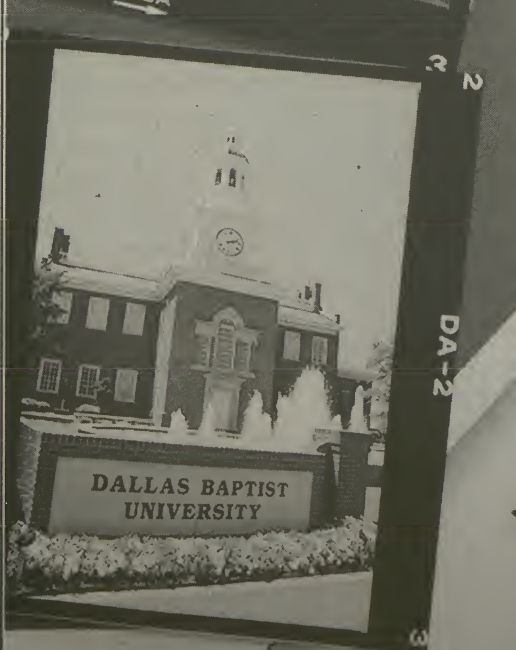
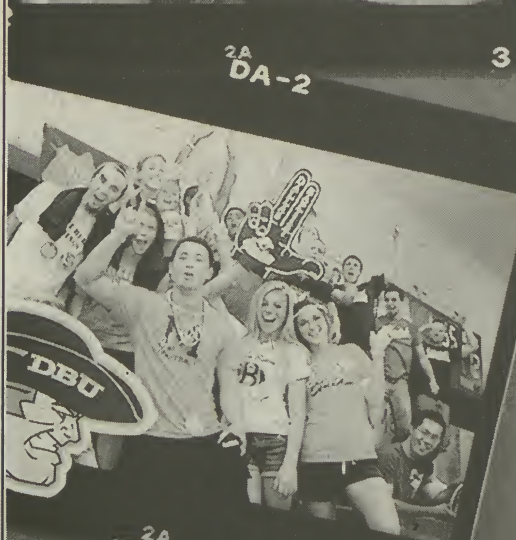
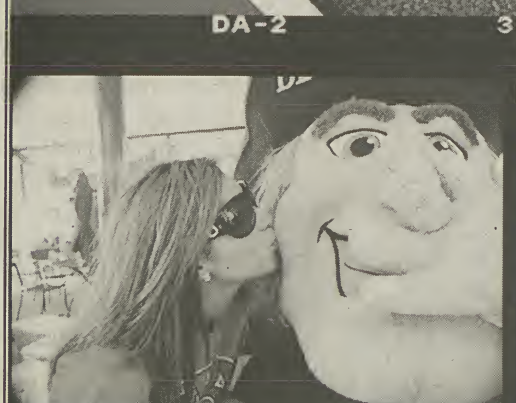
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government should do more to lower college costs.

"I've tried to get my hands around 'why is college skyrocketing?' Until we can get on track economically, let's try and hold down the college cost. It's like every year the state is paying less and less towards college," Gohmert said.

Along with his thoughts on how students should handle college costs, Gohmert also commented on how current college students should approach getting involved in politics.

"You can join a party group — Young Republicans, Young Democrats, but there are also other groups — Young Conservatives," Gohmert said. "But you can also look at Web sites and read the news and then let your voice be heard."

Gohmert also offered a warning about the danger of the activism of college students.

"You look at the great movements and advances in democracy. They normally involve college students, but of course some of the worst involve college students as well," Gohmert said. "Like socialism. It's a great idea but it has terrible consequences. There are many college students who got behind the revolution, but you've got to

“ Not everybody needs to go to college, and I think that's one of the things that we're falling behind on. There are a lot of jobs, whether it's welding or bricklaying, we need people to do. ”

— Louie Gohmert
Texas Congressman

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"We had already paid \$1,700 in advance and as of right now we are not getting it back. The lady at the agency basically said that she feels horrible and she is trying to do everything that they can to refund the money, but as of right now there is nothing that they can do," Lexie Shelton, TJC student who had planned to participate in the trip, said.

Merlo told Crawford in an e-mail that, she felt she would eventually be able to repay anything that cannot be disputed on credit cards. Crawford believes this to be true but knows that it will take some time to pay everyone everything they spent.

The state of California has what is called the Seller of Travel law, which is a fund that will reimburse travelers when something like this happens. Unfortunately, the state of Texas has no such law to back travelers up.

This year, TJC had 13 students and three adults signed up for the trip.

"I'm not surprised because the economic situation is terrible, but I also feel sorry for ev-

eryone who will not receive their money back. It's like a double whammy. They can't go to New York and they don't get their money. I would have been very upset," Lindsay Laperriere, former TJC student who attended the trip in 2006, said.

Crawford asked to speak with the proper channels of TJC and it has been made clear that there is nothing TJC can do about this situation.

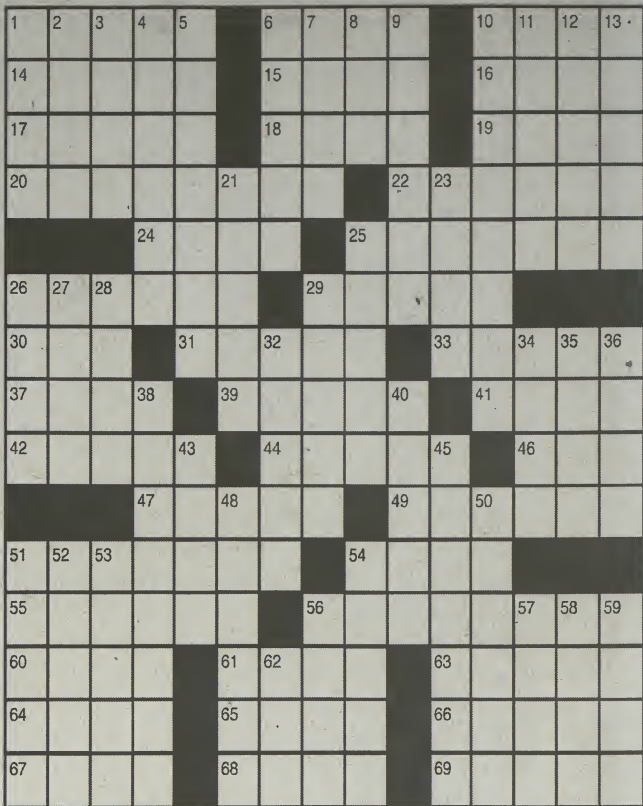
"Because of the contract between the individual and Endless Adventures there's really no intervention with TJC," Crawford said.

Endless Adventures is located in Sandy, Utah and has been hosting this trip for TJC since 2003.

According to Hope Wallace, owner of a travel agency in Casa Grande, AZ, there are multiple web sites that offer tips and suggestions as to how to avoid situations like these, such as travelsense.org, which offers suggestions on just about anything to do with travel, including how to choose a good travel agent.

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Ghost Tracker

The Oaks Apartments

Tyler, Texas

By Dennis Gonsoulin
Multimedia Editor

At the corner of Baxter Street and East Houston Street, just over a mile from TJC, is The Oaks Apartments, a quiet cluster of apartment buildings built in the early 1950s. Home to a diverse mixture of college students and older long-time tenants, it is a seemingly quiet and normal dwelling, but behind the brick walls lurks something dark, and according to some residents, paranormal.

"Since the day we moved in I've seen and felt spirits here in the apartment. At first it was scary but I've sort of just gotten used to it," resident of three years Prissy Mitchell said.

According to Mitchell, she and members of her family have seen shadow figures of a man inside the apartment, and have felt something not visible to them touching or even pulling them.

"One time my aunt was sitting on the couch and she felt something grab her behind her legs and try to pull her off the couch," Mitchell said. "We all saw her legs being pulled out from nowhere."

On multiple occasions, Mitchell has also heard a disembodied voice speaking to her when no one was around.

"I have heard a voice say things like 'hello' and 'please help me,'" Mitchell said.

Mitchell's next-door neighbor Marsha Brown has also seen and heard strange things, including the same shadow figure of a man walking through her apartment. She has also experienced some mischievous poltergeist-type activity.

"Sometimes the doors will lock on their own and I can't get them open, then suddenly they click and open by themselves. People think I'm crazy but I don't know how to explain it," Brown said.

Her two children have also experienced things that she doesn't know how to explain.

"My son once heard a banging on the door and walls, but no one was in or near the hallway when he went to look who it was. Also my two year old daughter told me she saw a man in the living room while I was taking a bath," Brown said.

As the building is over 50 years old, it comes as

no surprise that over the years more than one tenant has died in the complex. According to Mitchell, since she moved in, at least three people have died, including two men of natural causes, and a woman who committed suicide by overdosing on pills and alcohol in the building adjacent to hers.

"I really feel like there are spirits here that aren't at rest and are trying to talk to us," Mitchell said.

Another tenant who lives in the same building as Mitchell and Brown, Carrie Weber, has seen and heard strange things as well.

"I hear strange noises all the time and it sounds like someone is in my apartment when I'm alone," Weber said.

Her weird experiences are not just confined to her own apartment.

"A week or two ago I saw what I thought was my neighbor moving around in his kitchen, but a few minutes later he came home and it turned out he had been at work the whole time. So I don't know what the shadows moving around in his kitchen were. He said that no one was home," Weber said.

But despite these chilling accounts of mysterious and possibly paranormal activity, the residents go about their lives as if nothing was out of the ordinary.

"You really do just get used to it. It's scary sometimes, but I just try to ignore it because if you let it get to you it only makes it worse," Brown said. "We just go about our day like it's not a big deal."



Photos by Dennis Gonsoulin

APARTMENT POLTERGEIST Above right and bottom left, The exterior of The Oaks Apartments as seen from the street. Bottom right, the stairway leading to Prissy Mitchell and Marsha Brown's apartments where paranormal activity has been experienced.



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